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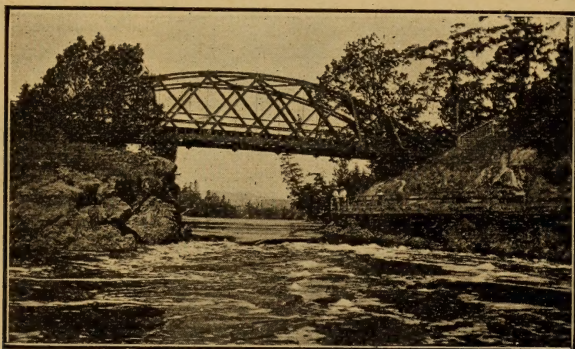
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THE GORGE

RADIUM

Henry Becquerel in 1890, published the outcome of his experiments with invisible rays, the presence of which he had found in the rare metal Uranium.

In 1898 M. and Mme. Curie of Paris, published papers on radium (a metal or chemical substance) which, contrary to all rules of physics, gave forth a light which was a peculiar one. M. and Mme. Curie found in their experiments that some metals, containing Uranium and Thorium, emitted such rays.

Uranium is a metal of steel white color, which is found rarely, and then is found in combination with two comparatively rare minerals, Pitchblende and Uranite. Thorium, which looks like nickel in its color, possesses about the same qualities as Uranium. The energy, as the Professor said, of the rays given off by Uranium is about three times the energy of the rays given off by Thorium. The radio-ac-

tivity of radium is a million times as great as that of Uranium.

At first M. and Mme. Curie experimented with the Pitchblende, analyzed it and separated it from the Uranium and Thorium, thus obtaining a substance whose rays were visible and about four hundred times more active than the rays given off by Uranium. This substance received the name of Polonium. Later it was found that there was still another element in Pitchblende of high frequency, which in its turn was christened Radium.

Quality of Radium Rays.

The rays emitted by Radium, usually called Becquerel rays, possess almost the same qualities as the X rays. They act on a plate of calcium fluoride, making it phosphorescent and radioactive, which means that the plate, after having been kept under influence of the rays for a time, is itself enabled

to give off Radium rays. The same effect is observed of water.

Radium, like electric sparks, changes oxygen into ozone. When a diamond is left under the influence of Radium for a short while, it becomes radio-active, emitting light. Because glass and other crystals do not become radio-active, diamonds may be thus easily distinguished.

The most important quality of Radium rays is this, that their action on photographic plates is distinctly marked because the rays of radium appear to possess a greater intensity than the X rays.

Radium rays produce burns on the skin, just like the X rays, and if carried in your pocket it will burn through the cloth and burn the skin beneath.

Nature of Radium Rays.

The nature of Radium rays, like those of the X rays, electricity and ether, has not yet been discovered. The most likely explanation of Radium rays is this: Radium and other similar substances in lesser degree, act in a manner like transformers (electric.) In other words they are able to transform one kind of energy into another. For instance, drawing electricity from the air and transforming it into light.

Another hypothesis is that the ether particles become subjected to rapid vibration, thus generating light and heat.

Radium, as Professor Osborne said, may never become a commercial factor, but it has presented problems, and hard ones, the solving of which may revolutionize the theories of physics.

A STUDENT OF RADIUM.

SPRING.

Spring is nigh! Hurrah for spring!

The flowers peep from the grassy hill;
Through the balmy air comes the
cheerful ring

Of the blackbird's note, from the
ruined mill.

The swallows are working under the
eaves,

Chirping busily all the day;

The trees are sending forth green
leaves,

Every thing is young and gay.

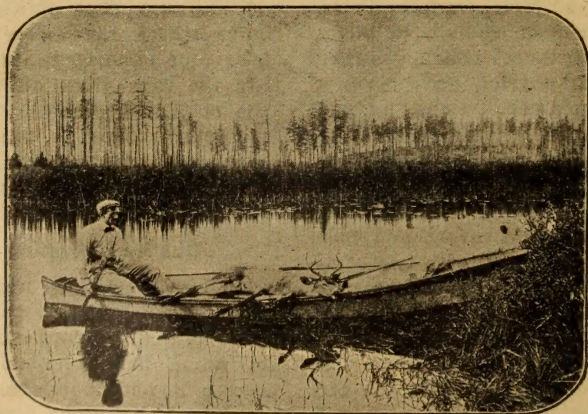
Now is the springtime of our life,

But winter cometh quickly on.

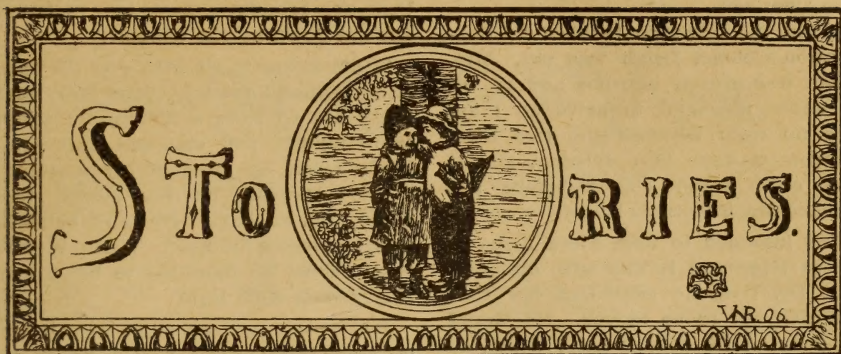
Let us press forward in the strife

And fight, although the spring be
gone

—Marian E. Blankenbach.



SCENE ON SHAWNIGAN LAKE, NEAR VICTORIA, B. C.



THE RESULT OF A JOURNEY

(By Dorothy Bazett.)

Chapter II.

The Osborne family were having tea on the lawn. They were a merry little party, consisting of Dr. Osborne, his son Douglas, a would-be doctor, Helen, his eldest daughter and housekeeper, and three younger ones, commonly known as "the children."

All at once a faint cry from someone in pain broke upon the laughter.

"Why, it is somebody in our orchard!" cried the two little girls simultaneously, and off they ran, followed by their brothers.

At one end of the lawn was a high hedge and in it a little gate, from which a path ran, between apple and plum trees, down to the river.

Helen rose and crossed the lawn more leisurely, but when she reached the gate and saw her brother bending over a girl in a pink dress, who lay on the stones by the water's edge, she turned to call "Father," and then hastened her steps.

Flora did not faint; she was proud of the fact afterwards, but at the time she wished she could. She was hardly conscious of anything but the pain; she had a vague recollection afterwards

of being lifted in someone's arms and carried through a sweet-scented garden, and a honeysuckle-covered porch into a small room full of books and medical instruments, where she was placed on a hard leather sofa. When they began to touch her ankle she could only close her eyes and shut her teeth hard.

"There, that's more comfortable, eh?" the doctor said, presently. "Now if you will tell me your name I can let your people know where you are."

"Oh! Don't let the boat go, please," was Flora's rather irrelevant reply, and when Dr. Osborne had assured her that "the boys" would look after it, she told him her little story, briefly and with some hesitation. At its close the doctor broke into a hearty laugh, then checked himself suddenly:

"Well, it is rather too bad to laugh when you are suffering so, but I could not help seeing the funny side of it. Now I will send a telegram to your father. It's a pretty bad sprain, my dear, and I am afraid you can't go home to-night."

Walter, a school-boy of fifteen, was dispatched with the telegram, and Douglas was in requisition again to carry Flora upstairs to a dainty little

room which Helen seemed to have all ready for her.

When the telegram reached its destination Colonel Leigh was out. Mrs. Leigh was greatly alarmed and set off at once. She had to drive as there was no train between the two little country stations that evening, and it was quite seven o'clock before she reached Dr. Osborne's house.

She intended to take Flora home in the carriage and it was with difficulty that Dr. Osborne convinced her that she was not to be moved. He would not hear of the village hotel either, so Flora was settled for the night in the Osborne household. Mrs. Leigh returned home with a promise to come again next morning.

Poor Flora passed a very miserable night, kept awake by the pain in her ankle and remorse for her carelessness and temper. Helen visited her several times during the night, doing everything she could for her comfort, moving about in such a quiet, capable way that her very presence soothed Flora.

In the morning when Helen came in Flora exclaimed remorsefully:

"Oh, Miss Osborne, I can't bear to give you so much trouble; I can hardly have slept at all. I don't know how to thank you!"

Helen laughed. "Don't let that trouble you. I assure you I am quite used to nursing, and you are a very good patient. How does it feel now, you poor little thing? I will bring father up when you have had your breakfast, but I must go now. I am housekeeper and my little maid can't get breakfast without superintendence, to say nothing of the children's needs," as a voice was heard calling:

"Helen, where are you? I want you, Helen."

"How lovely she is," thought Flora, when Helen had left the room. "I wish I were like that, but how could I be? I am not needed like she is, I have no chance to be self-sacrificing."

After the doctor had paid his visit,

Helen stayed to put the room in order; then she brought a basket of mending and sat down by the window.

"I am going to sit with you till Mrs. Leigh comes," she said, "and Mary and Kitty are to have a holiday. I teach them myself, you see, and that generally takes up most of my morning. I have Douglas on my hands, too, during the holidays. He is so helpless about amusing himself. When Walter is at school he likes me to bicycle or play tennis with him."

Just at this moment steps were heard on the stairs; there was a knock at the door and the doctor's voice said:

"May I see you a moment, Helen?"

To Helen's "come in," he replied by opening the door and looking very apologetically, first at her, then at Flora.

"I am very sorry indeed, my dear, but I need your help in the village. Mary and Kitty can come and sit with Miss Leigh for a while. I am very sorry, but Mrs. Marsh's baby has convulsions and you know what a state they will be in. I must have some one to help me."

"I should say so," exclaimed Helen, jumping up, "and we must hurry, too."

Mary and Kitty amused Flora so well that she quite forgot her ankle; but they embarrassed her exceedingly by telling her confidentially that Douglas had said she was the prettiest girl he had ever seen, and Walter had said she was not as pretty as Helen.

(To be Continued.)

"I'll give you a square meal," she said, "if you'll chop that wood. That's all I've got to say to you." "Madam," said the tramp, "are you makin' that proposition 'cos ye need the wood split, er out o' the kindness of yer heart?" "Why, I ain't in any particular need of wood." "I suspected it from yer manner. Madam, low ez I hev sunk I am still too proud to accept charity." And he stalked away.

SOCIETY

Miss Winnie Redfern is quickly recovering from a severe attack of appendicitis.

Miss Marion Hanna entertained a number of friends on February 3rd in honor of her cousin, Miss Lulu Hanna of Vancouver. During the evening prizes were won by Misses M. McGregor, E. Gibson and B. Brown.

Miss C. and Master R. Green entertained on Monday evening January 29, in honor of Miss Lettie Power of Kaslo. The amusement took the form of a taffey-pull which was heartily enjoyed by the young folks.

Mrs. (Dr.) Young visited the school on February 7th. The matriculation class enjoyed a very pleasant hour in English Literature with her. As Miss Watson, Mrs. Young was one of the most popular teachers on the college staff.

Miss C. Green entertained a number of her friends on Wednesday, January 31st, in honor of her guest, Miss Lettie Power. The evening was passed in games and dancing, prizes for the former being won by Miss Sylvester and Mr. Greig.

On January 27th a very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Miss Hanna, Pandora avenue, when a number of her friends helped to celebrate her birthday. The young ladies present were Misses D. Jones, I. Adams, G. Gordon, F. O'Brien, E. John, B. Mowat and L. Hanna.

Miss Bertha Bailey entertained a number of friends at her home on Cook street, Tuesday evening, January 30th. The time was spent most enjoyably in guessing contests and games of various kinds. Prizes were carried off by Misses Spencer, Davis, Hutchinson and Gauley and Messrs. Finch and Jones.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Miss G. Starr on February 23rd. Guessing contests were the chief amusements of the evening, and the first prizes for these were won by Misses M. Baxter and C. Green, while the winners of the boobies were Misses G. Cruickshank and A. Michaels.

S. O'Kell certainly has a bright future before him. We infer this from the able way in which he organized and presented a concert given in the social hall of the Princess Victoria on our return from Vancouver. The concert, although given on the spur of the moment, was very entertaining, and reflects great credit to Mr. O'Kell.

On the 12th of February the K. Y. II. held another of its fortnightly teas. The hosts and hostesses were Messrs. Cunningham and Nason and the Misses Russell and Sylvester. The entertainment took the form of a St. Valentine's party. The table was charmingly decorated in red and white, hearts predominating. After an archery contest dainty refreshments were served. The afternoon closed with a game of hearts, Miss Baxter being the lucky winner of the first prize, and Miss Gregg carrying off the booby.

On February 15th Miss O. Grant entertained a number of friends at her home on Menzies street. Progressive games were played, the first prizes for which were won by Miss Nason and Mr. Smith, and the boobies by Miss Green and Mr. Gowen. After this a "find and seek" game was entered into with great enjoyment, each couple finding at the end of their search some dainty and enjoyable favor. Then a delicious supper was served and the evening was ended by fortune telling, which was much appreciated and enjoyed by all present.

THE WHITE COMPANY

To the majority of readers Conan Doyle is known as the author of the Adventures of Sherlock Holmes and other detective stories, but he has also written in a very different and perhaps better style, a few historical novels, the most popular of which is *The White Company*.

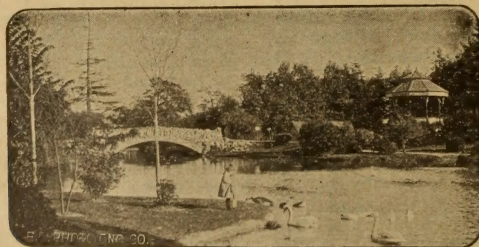
The Company from which the book is named is one of the many so largely used in the wars of the Middle Ages, and in connection with this band the various characters help the Black Prince in his wars, particularly the campaign in aid of Pedro the Cruel.

The story opens in the New Forest at the beautiful Abbey of Beaulieu. In one day there set out from this abbey two of the principal characters, the hero Alleyne Edricsson, and John of Hordle. The former has all his life been the darling of the monastery but, by his dead father's will, he must, at the age of twenty, go out into the world for a year at least. The latter is a great, burly, red-haired Saxon who, after breaking some of the monastic rules, rebels against the Abbot, defies the whole body of monks and then flees from the abbey. Alleyne goes first to his unknown brother, a coarse and violent man who, at the moment of Alleyne's arrival, is trying to force a young heiress to his house and marry her. Alleyne rescues her and so earns his brother's undying enmity. At the

request of Samkin Aylward, a soldier of the White Company, both Alleyne and Hordle John enlist, and go to Sir Nigel Loring of Twynham, the father of the rescued heiress, and, with him, join the Black Prince at Bordeaux. After many adventures the White Company engages in a terrible battle in the Pyrenees and nearly the whole band is annihilated, but after long separation the principal characters return to England and Alleyne marries Maude, the daughter of Sir Nigel Loring.

But the great interest of the book does not lie in the plot, but in the masterly manner in which the mode of life and the spirit of the age is woven into the story. Each person is a real living individual, but also the type of a large class. There is Hordle John, the simple straightforward Saxon, rough to strangers but faithful to his friends, and having a large stock of common sense and quiet humor. Sir Nigel is his exact opposite, with his noble, though somewhat Quixotic chivalry and valour. He, like his master, the Black Prince, is one of the noblest of the Anglo-Normans. Samkin Aylward, too, with his noisy French jargon and partiality for women, is a true soldier; and the stern, noble Abbot fully represents the church.

The whole story is admirably welded together; each little scene is as full of local colouring as the people are true to life, and to all is added the especial interest of the spirit of romance and exciting adventure.



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THE LACK OF SCHOOL SPIRIT.

The lack of loyalty and love of school, or "school spirit," among the students of Victoria College, is shown in many ways. Our sports are not kept up to the standard we should like to see them, nor to that of the bygone days. The question naturally rises: Why this Victoria High School of to-day, with an attendance double that of former years cannot keep her sports up to the standard attained at that time?

As an instance of the lack of "school spirit," we have the large attendance of about twelve boys and four girls, who turned out to the Rugby match between our school and the Vancouver College, at Oak Bay a few weeks ago. The small admission fee of ten cents may have kept a few from attending, but the greatest reason we think is the lack of interest with which the students view their school and the teams that represent it.

Now, to make our sports a success we must overcome this lack of enthusiasm which prevails amongst the students and make them loyal to the school and its institutions.

This can only be accomplished by making sports an important feature of the school, instead of allowing them to drift along in a vain attempt to become a success. In connection with this we might mention that a "field

day" for the whole school, in which all the students and the different classes could compete with one another, would greatly foster sport and inspire everyone with a feeling of loyalty. These meets should be held annually; the one this year some time in April.

Sport is not the only line in which we are going backwards. There was in this school two years ago a "debating club" which suddenly disappeared and has not since been heard of.

The "Camosun," which is a new enterprise, has not the support of the whole school. We would like to see every pupil of the school take a copy of the paper. Remember if it is not as good as you think it should be the fault rests, not with the staff, but yourselves. It is the duty of every pupil to try and raise the standard of the "Camosun" to the highest level, for it is by it that strangers will judge us. If in the future the editor receives as few articles to choose from as in the past, it will not be long before we will be compelled to accept any article sent in for publication, whether good or otherwise, in order to fill our space, or become a thing of the past, and another great failure to the credit (?) of the High School.

What is the cause of these complaints? Lack of "school spirit!"

Students come to school to study, knowledge is the sought for goal. But while they are at school they should

not let their work become a mere routine. Do not restrict yourself to study. There are many pursuits in which there is scope for talent. Athletics (and the practice of writing for the "Camosun") are the only ones at present, but it remains with yourselves to make others. Do not remain in obscurity. Engage in these pursuits, for in so doing you display "school spirit," which is the greatest feeling we lack.

The discussion of forming a Dramatic Society in the school has been raging in the Matriculation Class for the past few weeks. We think that a Dramatic Society would be a valuable acquisition to our school, and as the study of Shakespeare is embodied in the curriculum of the Matriculation Class, we feel sure they could with advantage to themselves and the rest of the college, make a study of one of his plays, or a portion of it, with a view to presenting it some time towards the close of the term. The student of Grecian History will recognize the great influence the drama had towards advancing Greece's influence for good and in the history of the English people he sees the great influence the drama had on the minds of the people. The tributes that were paid the late Sir Henry Irving shows on what an exalted plane England places her dramatic artists. The fact that his body was placed in Westminster Abbey is, of itself, sufficient indication that she recognizes his life's work to be as great as that of her greatest soldiers and statesmen.

Readers of "The Ancient Mariner" will be interested to know the derivation of the word albatross. Recent search has revealed an earlier and now extinct name for a bird of the same kind, *Alcatraz*. A link between the two is found in *Algatross*, a form current in the seventeenth century.

Albatross itself has been in use less than 150 years. *Alcatraz* is an alteration of another Portuguese word, *alcatraz*, which means "the bucket of a wheel for raising water." This again is from an Arabic word with the same meaning, the *al* being the Arabic article as in *algebra*, *alchemy*, etc. Probably the Arabs of Spain applied this name to the pelican from the notion that it filled its large bill with water to carry to the young at a distance. To this day the Arabs call the pelican by a name which means "the water-carrier." From the pelican the name was transferred to the frigate-bird, another large sea-bird, and so to the one to which it now belongs. —Contributed by an Old High School Boy.

BEFORE THE LOOKING GLASS.

I stood before the mirror,
The clock was striking five;
My face was of a dusky hue,
I scarcely felt alive.

My eyes were red and swollen,
I'd had a punch or two;
Such risks of life I had that day,
I was glad the game was through.

My knees! You should have seen them!
Their shade was bluey-black,
A bruise marked plain the swelling
place,
Where fell a telling whack.

My pants—they were in tatters,
In rags my sweater fell,
While on the funny-bone there rose,
A large, majestic swell.

Of lamps, one was extinguished,
Of teeth I'd swallowed four,
My chewers, nearly all were loose,
Football I'll play no more.

To sum me up in words not many,
And give impressions clear and true,
A sorry fright I did appear,
That football game I'll ever rue.
—Captain Wiley.

There was a young chemistry tough,
Who, while mixing some confounded
stuff,
Touched a match to the vial,
And—after a while
They found a front tooth and a cuff.
—Ex.

MARC ANTONY'S ORIGINAL ORATION.

Friends, Romans, countrymen! Lend me your ears:—

I will return them next Saturday, I come

To bury Caesar,—because the times are hard,

And his folks can't afford to hire an undertaker.

The evil that men do lives after them,—
In the shape of progeny who reap the
Benefit of the life insurance,—
So let it be with the deceased.
Brutus hath told you Caesar was ambitious.

What does Brutus know about it?
It is none of his funeral. Would that it were!

Here under leave of you I come to
Make a speech at Caesar's funeral.
He was my friend, faithful and just to me,—

He loaned me \$5 once when I was in a pinch,

And signed my petition for a post office,—

But Brutus says he was ambitious.
Brutus should wipe off his chin.

Caesar hath brought many captives home to Rome,—

Who broke rocks on the streets until their ransoms

Did the general coffers fill.
When that the poor hath cried, Caesar hath wept—

Because it didn't cost anything and
Made him solid with the masses.
Ambition should be made of sterner stuff;

Yet Brutus says he was ambitious.
Brutus is a liar and I can prove it.
You all did see that on the Lupercal
I thrice presented him a kingly crown,
Which he did thrice refuse, because it did not fit him quite.

Was this ambition? Yet Brutus says he was ambitious.

Brutus is not only the biggest liar in the country,

But he is a horse thief of the deepest dye.

If you have any tears prepare to shed them now.

You all do know this ulster.
I remember the first time Caesar put it on;

It was on a summer eve in his tent,
With the thermometer registering 90 in the shade;

But it was an ulster to be proud of,
And cost him \$7 at Marcaius Swartzmeyer's,

Corner of Broad and Yates streets, sign of the red flag.

Old Swartz wanted \$40 for it,
But finally came down to \$7, because it was Caesar.

Was this ambitious? If Brutus says it was

He is a greater liar than anyone present.

Look! in this place ran Cassius' dagger through,

Through this the viper of a Brutus stabbed,

And when he plucked his cursed steel away,

Marc Antony, how the blood of Caesar followed it!

I come not, friends, to steal away your hearts;

I am no thief as Brutus is.
Brutus has a monopoly on all that business,

And if he had his deserts he would be in the penitentiary, and don't you forget it.

Kind friends, sweet friends, I do not wish to stir you up

To such a flood of mutiny,
And as it looks like rain,

The pall bearers will please place the coffin in the hearse,

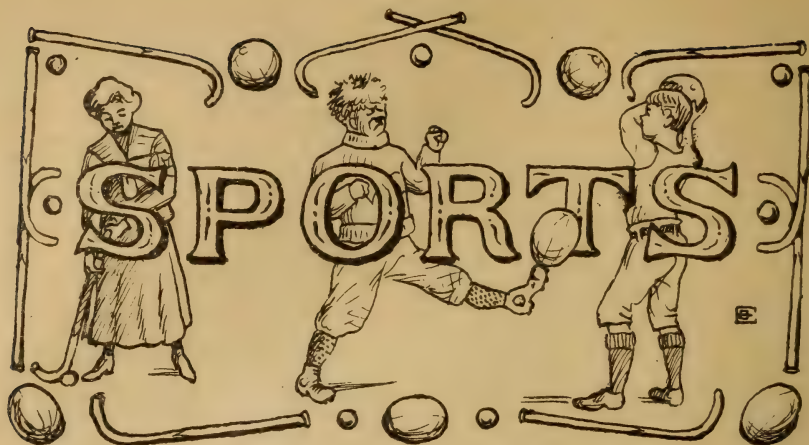
And we will proceed to bury Caesar,
Not to praise him.

ANOTHER RIVAL.

Two hundred and eighty-four Yates street, the home of Miss Marjorie Carne was the scene of a merry gathering, enjoyed by a few of her friends on the 14th ult. Various games were indulged in, after which a dainty supper was served, the table decorations being pink and white. Among those present were Misses Harrison, O. Grant, N. Pineo, O. Gowen, T. Grant, G. Chambers, J. Nason and A. Schwengers and Messrs. Cole, Gowen, Robertson, Langley, C. Grey, Whittier, J. Grey and Walker.

One of our former students, Joe Clearihue, is teaching at South Wellington. We need not sympathize with him too much, for even this place is the scene of a few jokes. One day last month Joe asked a little lad what a "pioneer" was, whereupon the kid promptly replied "A man that makes pianos."

The same day he asked a boy in the nature study class what "matter" was. No one answered; then one young hopeful gave this response: "The stuff you get in a hurt finger."



RUGBY.

The college junior team is holding its own in the city league. The first game of the season was played against the Centrals and was lost by the score of 3-0. The college team then strengthened, the Collegiates were met and trimmed to the tune of 38-5. Next North Ward and Victoria West combined went down to defeat before the heroes, the score being 9-0. Finally South Park was met and although our juniors played five men short, the score was 8-9 in our favor.

If South Park can beat the Centrals in their next game the College and Centrals will be tie for first honors. If, however, the Centrals win that game the College will have to content itself with second place.

In order for the school to have justice we should have another game with the Centrals, and our representative in the Public School Athletic Association should use every effort to secure our rights.

On February 3rd a small but enthusiastic crowd of spectators witnessed the game at Oak Bay between our College and Vancouver College. The visitors won easily, the score being 9-nil. The grounds were in fine condition and the game was fast and exciting from start to finish. The Terminal City boys had the advantage in the scrimmage, and their passing and speed in "following up" showed that they had had considerable practice.

The return game was played in Vancouver on the Vancouver College campus (or rather in the mud and water that was on the campus.) Notwithstanding the fact that it rained

hard all through the game, a large crowd witnessed the contest. Mr. Pattison handled the whistle, and from the first shrill blast till the last long and resounding whistle, mud, water, legs, hair and Rugby ball, "in wild confusion mingled there." At first the game went on rather evenly till Vancouver made a try. In a few minutes they duplicated their first action, then it was that a few of the Victoria fellows began to play a half-hearted, listless sort of game, with the result that the home team piled up a score of 33 while the visitors contented themselves with a duck egg. It must be said, however, that most of the Victoria fellows played like gentlemen till the finish. Especially noticeable among these were McInnes and Irving. For the victors everyone played so well that individual comment is unnecessary. The unselfish combination of the back division was as perfect as conditions allowed, while their forward line was always aggressive. These games give Vancouver College the championship, and they certainly deserve it.

The Rugby season is rapidly drawing to a close now, but it is possible that the senior team will play a return with South Park club. This will practically wind up the season.

GIRL'S HOCKEY.

On February 17 the girls of our College tried conclusions with the Vancouver girls, on the Bridge street grounds, near the school in Vancouver. The grounds were in a deplorable condition and it rained during nearly all the game. The Vancouver girls com-

menced, favored by the slope, and when the whistle blew for half time the score was 3-0 in their favor. In the second half the rain cleared off for a period, and during this time rejoiced at feeling that the fates had at last favored them, the Victoria girls commenced to play their steady game and soon one goal was scored by Miss Spencer. At this juncture the rain poured down again, and the home team being once more in their own element, tallied two more goals, making the final score 5-1. The winners played a hard game, their combination and team work indicating a large amount of hard and steady practice. Three goals were scored by Miss D. Carlisle, the fourth by Miss Morton, the fifth by Miss McKeown (an ex-Victoria girl). The visitors played their hardest, yet there was a lack of perfect combination, owing probably to the fact that as some of the players could not make it convenient to be in Vancouver on that date, a change in the regular line-up had to be made. Miss Green managed to effectually work in her usual pretty dribbling and stick handling, while Miss Sommerville and Miss Schwengers were especially noticeable in the defence.

The girls are practising steadily and intend to even up matters when the Vancouver team visits us on March 3rd.

BASKET BALL.

On February 3rd in the Victoria Drill Hall the Vancouver College team was defeated by our boys by the score of 9-10. The line-ups were: Vancouver.—Guards, McKeown and Scott; centre, Shearer; forwards, Brydon-Jack and Murry. Victoria.—Guards, Briggs and Finch; centre, O'Kell; forwards, Gowen and Johnston; sub-guard, Erb, who took the place of Briggs at half-time, the latter suffering from a cramp.

The game was snappy and clean. McGregor of the Y. M. C. A. made a very impartial referee.

In the Vancouver Drill Hall on February 17th our boys met a crushing defeat at the hands of the Vancouver boys, the final score being 16-6. The scores are as follows: Vancouver.—Guards, McKeown 2, Scott 0; centre, Shearer 2; forwards, Brydon-Jack 4, Murry 8. Total 16. Victoria.—Guards, Briggs 2, Erb 0; centre, O'Kell 2; forwards, Johnston 2, Gowen 0. Total 6. At half time the score stood 6-8, and in the second half the winners scored 8 more points, while the wearer of the "black and yellow" did not get one.

The Vancouverites had been practicing steadily, as their combination and shooting indicated.

The final basket ball game will be played in the Drill Hall of this city on March 3rd. Both the Vancouver boys and our own fellows have been practising steadily and the game undoubtedly will be the most exciting of the season.

GENERAL.

February is Vancouver's lucky month, a list of a few of their victories for the month follows:

Rugby at Victoria.—Vancouver 9, Victoria 0.

Rugby at Vancouver.—Vancouver 33, Victoria 0.

Rugby at Victoria.—Queen's School of Vancouver 8, Collegiate School, Victoria, 6.

Hockey at Vancouver — Vancouver College Girls 5, Victoria College Girls 1.

Hockey at Victoria — Vancouver Ladies 3, Victoria Ladies 2.

Hockey at Victoria.—Vancouver second eleven 4, Victoria second eleven 0. Basket Ball at Vancouver.—Vancouver College 16, Victoria College 6.

Basket Ball at Vancouver.—Vancouver seniors 12, Westminster seniors 5.

Say people, what's the use.

A basket ball league is to be formed in the school. It is expected that every division will enter.

The boys of Miss Potts' room (the 5th Div.) have already organized a team with Bennie Erb as captain and H. Henderson as secretary. Their first game was played with Miss Cann's (7th) Division. The game was very evenly contested, Miss Potts' room winning out by a score of 6-3. Campbell of the 7th and Erb of the 5th were the stars.

After the Rugby game in Vancouver the girls of that school served a tasty luncheon, which delighted and considerably refreshed the whitewashed and mud-bespattered Victorians.

Seven juniors and three seniors journeyed over to the Collegiate to play a practice Rugby game with that school, which had been coached in fantastic New Zealand tactics by Mr. Barnacle. The only features of the game were, the score was against us, and Billy Meyers at full back, sat upon the Collegiate's star three-quarter, Winch, that unlucky lad feeling slightly crushed ever since.

Yes Billy M. did have a piece of pie for dinner at Vancouver.

One of our forwards in the hockey game sustained a painful hit on the foot, which took a piece out of her thumb.

For the benefit of those who didn't know, we state that the girl's hockey match was played on the **Bridge street** grounds.

People kindly keep your eye on the First Division in the coming basket ball league.

A challenge has been received from Frank Westerman, manager of the Seattle High School baseball team. As there are a number of baseball "fans" in the school a first class team could be organized. A meeting for this purpose will be called after our matches with Vancouver.

Lacrosse is also down on our sports programme this season. As soon as the weather permits a team will be organized and practices will be held. It is probable we can secure a series of games with the Vancouver College.

A FIELD DAY.

As spring has rapidly been approaching there has been some talk of a school field meet. Now the talk is all right but the meet itself would be better. There are many boys in the school who are desirous of entering the different contests. Other schools have field days, and in some cases the annual field day is the most enjoyable event of the year.

Why not have one some time in April or early in May? Other meets will follow, that of the Public School Association, the J. B. A. A., etc., and what would promote the "school spirit" more than having a number of our athletes enter in the contests on these different occasions. Our "meet" coming earlier than the others would enable our fellows to get into splendid condition. We have the material for winners, and if the fellows only exert themselves "Victoria College" will be a more familiar term in athletic circles than it has been in the past. Students! it remains with yourselves whether we have the meet or not.

With this end in view a committee should be immediately appointed to arrange all details, drafting a programme of events and posting the lists

at an early date. If this "meet" has the hearty co-operation of every pupil in the school it will prove a very enjoyable and successful feature.

Sporting Editor.

Dear Sir,—I hereby take the opportunity of advising the Victoria College Athletic Club to furnish the Girls' Hockey Team with rubber garments and teach all the boys on the Rugby team to swim and supply them with bathing suits and life preservers when they visit Vancouver in future.

SPORT.

WITH THE FUNNY MAN.

Song in Bee Flat—"Comb, sweet comb, there's no place like comb!"

Gerald—A man called me a little fool.

Geraldine—Well! why don't you grow?

In the chemistry class: Teacher—"What is the law of maximum work?"

Pupil—"Eight hours a day!" (Laughter.)

The book said, "Give me your hand Bassanio, I am armed and well prepared." The pupil reading, however, interpreted it thus: "Give me your hand Bassanio I am **married** and well prepared." Just fancy, and this from the Fifth Division, too.

A small boy who was the son of a doctor was going to be punished by the teacher when the teacher said: I shall have to call your father.

The little fellow replied: You had better not, because my father charges 2.50 a call.

A rector and two ladies once went to visit the village school. A grammar lesson was in progress and one of the ladies wrote on the board, "The horse and the cow is in the field."

"Who can correct that?" she asked.

No one spoke for a minute and then a small boy stood up and said:

"You should put the lady first!"

Binks—The C. P. R. has just brought over a consignment of young frogs.

Shinks—Is that so? Why?

Binks—Yes, they sold them to the brewery.

Shinks—You'll have to show me what you're driving at.

Binks—Well, you see the brewery is going to make beer out of the hops.

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